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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist  
Serial No. : 09/553,137  
Filing Date : April 19, 2000  
For : GAS GENERATING MATERIAL  
NOV 01 2002 : FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT  
GROUP 3600 PROTECTION DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3641  
Examiner : E. Miller  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4419  
Cleveland, OH 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, of page  
3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention is an apparatus comprising an  
inflatable vehicle occupant protection device and a gas  
generating material that, when ignited, produces gas to  
inflate the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device.  
The gas generating material comprises a polyurethane  
thermoplastic elastomer and an inorganic salt oxidizer. The

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